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WOMEN ON THE MOVE

Bengaluru perceived as safer than many other metros

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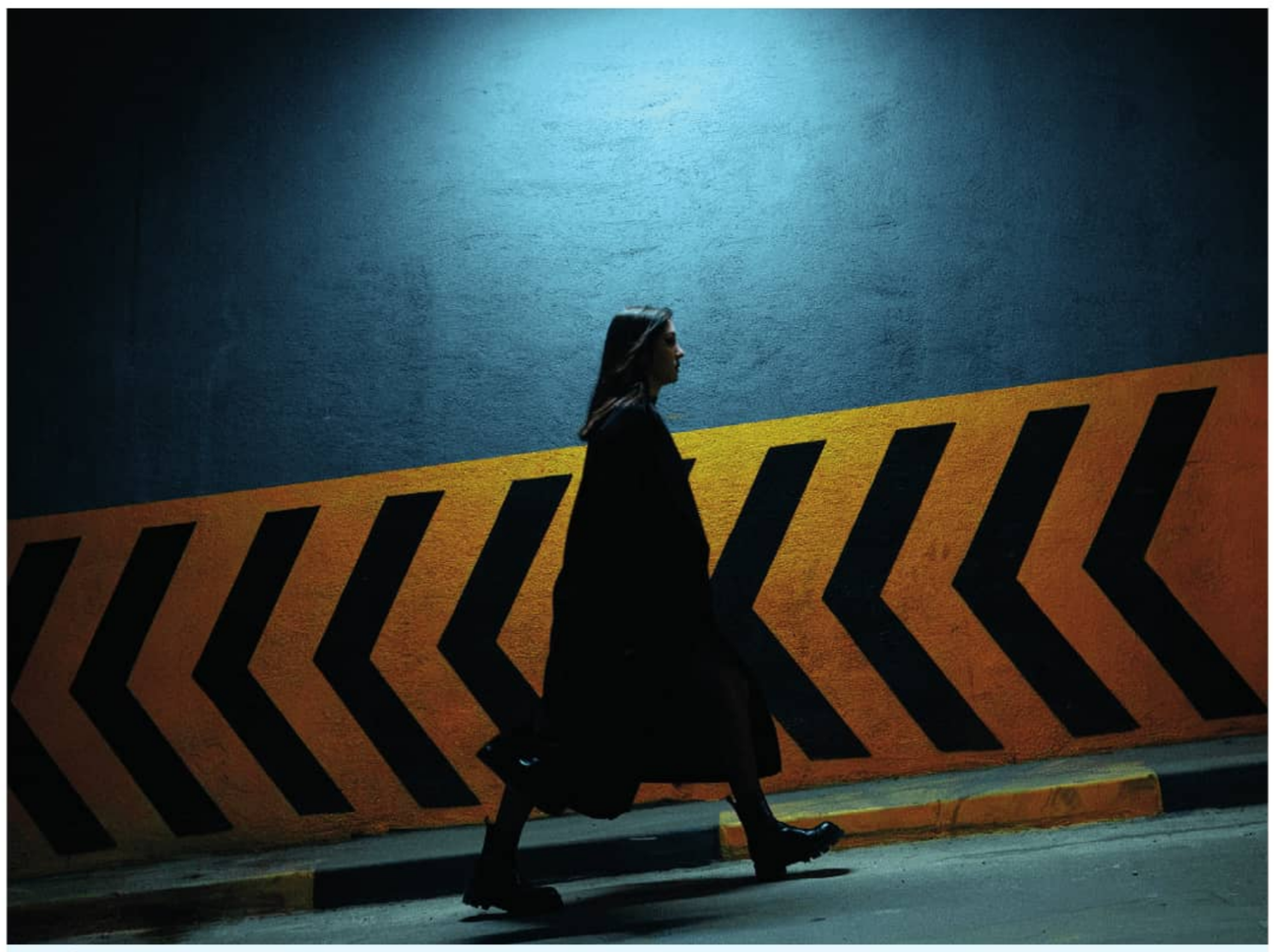

Navigating their way in cities, women come up with innovative ways to keep themselves safe. Bengaluru is no different. Bangalore Mirror spoke to a few women to understand what their preferred modes of protection are.

Amisha Arya is a student, who developed a method, when she had just moved to the city. "I was new to the city and often forgot routes. Initially, I never wanted to explore places, but one day I decided to go to Commercial Street. I went so deep inside that I forgot where I started from. I started to panic but also knew that if I told people around that I was lost, I might land in trouble. Instead, I went to different shops asking for the route to the nearest bus stop and that's how I made it. Since then, I began sharing my live location with my brother and even gave him access to my cab details whenever I travelled," she says.

For many women, an ordinary taxi, bus, or auto ride isn't just about reaching home or work, it carries a silent mental checklist. From mentally noting the driver's details to tracking routes, small acts of vigilance form part of their daily routine. These invisible but constant precautions highlight how women adapt to urban life, building their own survival toolkits to navigate safety concerns.

"Emergency apps like KSP app, the dial-112 helpline, and police patrol units are meant for immediate assistance. Unfortunately, many women still hesitate to use them

—Police official

Instincts women rely on

While most women interviewed by BM said they found the city safer compared to other metros, only very few reported using emergency apps or helplines, even though they were aware of them.

Common practices include sharing live ride locations with trusted friends or family,

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Stay in your lane

B'lureans can't seem to be able to read no-entry signs, or else traffic police would not have booked 1.3 lakh cases this year

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Wrong-side driving and vehicles entering restricted areas have become the state of affairs on Bengaluru's roads.

This year alone, the traffic police have registered 1.3 lakh cases under 'no entry' violations, indicating rampant wrong-side driving and vehicles ignoring 'no-entry' signs, totaling up to 536 cases every day, on average.

The majority of these cases, nearly 8,000, were reported from Jeevan Bima Nagar traffic police stations. City market had the second highest violations with nearly 6,000 cases of wrong side driving and no entry violations, followed by a little over 5,000 cases registered by HAL Old Airport traffic police.

Traffic officials say such violations in high numbers point to a lack of awareness and civic sense among the public. According to DCP (East)Traffic, most of the cases of wrong-side driving happen when drivers take shortcuts to avoid a few meters of driving and a U-turn.

"We come across drivers who take great risks just to avoid a few metres of extra driving. They fail to understand that they are

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THINGS TO DO

01 Classical reverie

Krishnam Performing Arts Academy is presenting 'NAMAN – An Evening with Kathak', a celebration of classical dance, rhythm, and devotion, bringing together renowned maestros and promising talents on one stage.
Where: Seva Sadan, Malleshwaram;
When: September 19, 6 pm

02 Mythic myriad

Mythic Matrices, a landmark solo exhibition by acclaimed contemporary artist Seema Kohli, presented by the National Gallery of Modern Art, offers a focused retrospective of 20 pivotal years from Kohli's expansive practice.
Where: National Gallery of Modern Art, Vasanth Nagar;
When: August 26 to September 26

03 Stage saga

Black Box India is presenting 'No Strings Attached', an engaging exploration of the human experience presented in a contemporary vaudeville format, delving into the intricacies of the present, past and potential future.
Where: Alliance Francaise, Vasanth Nagar;
When: October 10, 7.30 pm

04 Celestial finds

Museum of Art & Photography (MAP) is organising 'In Celestial Company', an exhibition featuring sculptures, textiles, brass figurines, paintings, chariots, and wooden artefacts, where the oft-ignored celestial beings who accompany and carry the pantheon are the centrepiece.
Where: Museum of Art & Photography, Ashok Nagar;
When: Open since September 13

05 Abraca-dazzle

Curated and hosted by internationally acclaimed magician Nakul Shenoy, 'An Evening of Magic' presents a series of unique acts and performances by acclaimed magicians, alongside some of the most notable up-and-coming stars of magic.
Where: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar;
When: September 21, 6 pm

At tipping point—tree and tenants alike

Jayanagar residents say they are concerned about tree at risk of falling, express frustration over lack of action despite repeated complaints to authorities

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Residents demand urgent action, say tree could fall due to strong winds or heavy rains, potentially hurting people or causing significant damage to buildings

Residents on 10th A Main Road of Jayanagar 3rd Block are growing increasingly anxious over a dangerously leaning tree that threatens both their safety and the integrity of their homes. Despite having alerted officials from the Greater Bengaluru Authority Forest Department over a week ago, residents say no action has been taken to address the issue.

The residents said that they are disappointed with the apathy of the Forest Department officials, highlighting that the officials have failed to visit the spot even though a written complaint has been submitted. "I have been requesting the forest officials to remove the tree that is perilously leaning on my building. There are electric live wires. My building will be damaged if the tree comes crashing due to heavy rain or very strong winds. I want the forest officials to remove the tree to prevent damage to the buildings," said Adisesh Pathi Sridara, a resident.

Expressing a similar opinion, Bharat Kumar, another resident of the area, noted that two to three buildings may be damaged if the tree falls down. "It is an old tree. I want the Forest Department officials to send a tree cutting team to remove it to avoid any damage to the adjacent buildings," said Kumar.

Speaking about the situation, Range Forest Officer (South) Manjunath assured that he would visit the spot. "I will try to retain the tree. It will be removed only if there are no other options to retain it," the RFO said.

Nageshwara Rao R, a resident of Horamavu, said that he had complained about two dry trees along the walking path at Horamavu Lake. "I have complained (grievance no 20787979) to the Forest Department one month ago to remove the dry trees but nothing has been done except a few people claiming to be from the Forest Department visiting the spot," Rao said, adding that the dry trees are at a danger of falling on people who come for a walk at Horamavu Lake.

Range Forest Officer (East) Ashageeta said that she would send a team of tree cutters to the lake. "I will fix the problem," she said.

Tree on 10th A Main Road of Jayanagar 3rd Block leans precariously, raising serious concerns about potential fall and safety of nearby homes

RERA's new unified national portal to ensure transparency and accountability

India has launched a comprehensive Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) portal to ensure faster resolution of disputes related to home-buying, curb project delays, and revive stalled housing schemes. For the first time, details of all registered, ongoing, delayed, and suspended housing projects from every state, including Karnataka, will be available in one place at https://rera.mohua.gov.in. The portal will help buyers check the status of projects before investing, reducing risks of getting stuck in incomplete developments. Housing Minister Manohar Lal Khattar launched the initiative in New Delhi, highlighting that while RERA has been in force for eight years, homebuyers' grievances continue. The new portal, he said, would bring transparency and accountability across the sector.

The Central Advisory Council has also pushed for reforms to make RERA more effective. It recommended financial support for stalled projects, strict enforcement of orders, and uniform Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for state regulators. States like Uttar Pradesh have already acted on these recommendations, while others are being urged to follow. The council has also suggested using AI-based tools to analyse project data, track delays, and ensure timely completion. It flagged concerns about builder negligence in securing approvals, filing quarterly progress reports, and misleading advertisements. **–BMB**

Canadian influencer's viral video spurs footpath makeover in Bengaluru

A viral video by Canadian vlogger Caleb Friesen, highlighting the "neglected and poor condition" of Bengaluru's pavements, triggered swift action from the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) and local volunteers. In the 30-minute clip, Friesen documented the challenges of walking a 2.4 km stretch from Majestic bus stand to a coffee shop, exposing the city's dilapidated pedestrian paths and drawing widespread criticism of civic authorities. Responding quickly, GBA, alongside an NGO and private volunteers, organised an intensive footpath-cleaning and painting drive over the weekend. Bengaluru Central City Commissioner Rajendra Cholan personally joined the team, motivating volunteers and sharing snacks after the restoration work.

On September 12, GBA showcased the results on 'X', posting pictures of the cleaned stretch around Majestic and emphasising efforts to ensure safe and usable pedestrian spaces. Friesen expressed appreciation in response, sharing before-and-after pictures of the footpath and commenting, "Thank you for listening and taking rapid action... no more parkour over barbed wire required by pedestrians." The Canadian vlogger was also invited to witness the makeover first-hand, recording another clip praising the authorities for their swift and effective initiative, turning the previously hazardous path into a safe, pedestrian-friendly walkway. **–BMB**

A leg up, thanks to science

A resident of Bannerghatta sanctuary is enjoying a new lease of life with a prosthetic leg.

Vasi, a rescued sloth bear at the Bannerghatta Bear Rescue Centre, had lost his left hind limb to an amputation caused by a terrible snare injury. But his journey has now taken an extraordinary turn.

Animal orthotist Derrick Campana, better known as the 'Wizard of Paws', collaborated with Wildlife SOS, a city-based NGO, to design a custom prosthetic limb tailored to Vasi's needs. With the help of Bannerghatta National Park and the Karnataka Forest Department, over several days, Campana created a durable mold and fitted Vasi with a limb strong enough to withstand his natural behaviours – digging, climbing, and foraging.

The entire procedure, which spanned over three days of careful molding, testing, and adjustments,

Rescued sloth bear is able to walk again after getting new prosthetic limb, showcasing how scientific innovation can transform animal welfare

has enabled Vasi to roam with ease, no longer burdened by the pain and strain, but instead moving with a new sense of freedom and comfort.

"Every animal I work with teaches me something new, but Vasi's case was extraordinary. Designing a prosthetic for a sloth bear was a challenge unlike any other, but seeing him take those first steps made every effort worthwhile. It's an honour to be part of his journey," said Campana.

This procedure, performed for the first time on a sloth bear at a rescue facility, marks a significant milestone in prosthetics and biomechanics globally. However, it also highlights the dangers of poaching and the urgent need to protect sloth bears in India.

Kartick Satyanarayan, co-founder of Wildlife SOS, added, "Vasi's story is both heartbreaking and inspiring. He survived human cruelty, adapted to loss, and is now thriving thanks to science and compassion. His prosthetic is a symbol of what's possible when innovation and empathy come together." AV Surya Sen, Director, Bannerghatta Biological Park, said that the collaboration highlights how science, innovation, and care can come together to transform animal welfare. "Vasi's prosthetic is a remarkable example of specialised solutions that bring dignity and comfort to rescued wildlife," he said. **BMB**

Court quashes pleas against Dasara invite to Banu Mushtaq

Karnataka HC upholds State's decision to invite Booker awardee as chief guest for Dasara celebrations, says festivities are not confined to any religion while highlighting India as secular state

The Karnataka High Court on Monday dismissed petitions challenging the state government's decision to invite Booker Prize-winning author Banu Mushtaq as the chief guest for the inauguration of this year's Dasara festivities in Mysuru.

A division bench comprising Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice CM Joshi observed that the nomination did not violate any constitutional rights. The court said it was not persuaded by the arguments that permitting a person of a different faith to attend a state function amounted to a violation of legal or constitutional principles.

"Accordingly, petitions are dismissed," the bench stated. A detailed copy of the order is awaited.

There were three petitions before the court, including one filed by BJP leader and former MP Prathap Simha. The petitioners sought the withdrawal of Mushtaq's nomination, arguing that only a person from the Hindu faith should be allowed to inaugurate the festival, which they described as a predominantly Hindu celebration.

During the hearing, advocate S Sudharshan, appearing for one of the petitioners, referred to past comments allegedly made by Mushtaq that were perceived as anti-Kannada. He submitted that Dasara, being closely tied to Hindu traditions, should be inaugurated by someone who upholds the faith.

The bench, however, was not convinced. It asked the petitioners what constitutional right was being infringed and pointed out that Article 26 of the Constitution pertains to rights related to religious denominations and property, which were not in question here. The judges also remarked that India is a secular state, and no temple authority or trustee had come forward with objections against Mushtaq's nomination.

Advocate General Shashi Kiran Shetty, representing the State, defended the government's decision. He said that the Dasara inauguration is a state function that involves people from all communities. Calling Mushtaq a celebrated author and Booker Prize winner, Shetty argued that it was unfair to label her anti-Hindu.

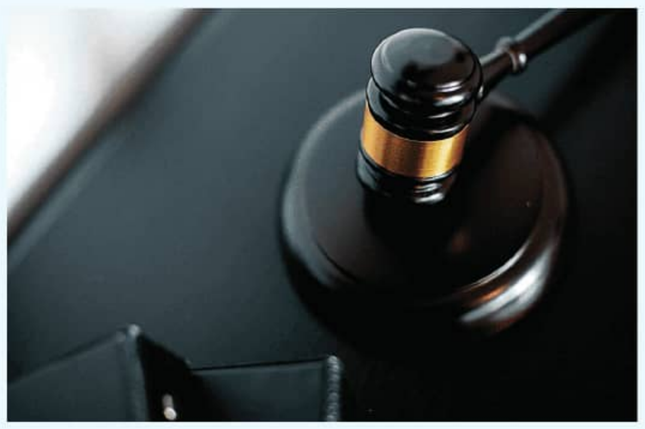
He also noted that in 2017, poet Dr Nisar Ahmed, a Muslim, was invited as chief guest, and even Prathap Simha had participated in that celebration as an MP.

The bench took note of these submissions and remarked that Dasara is a festival celebrated across India, symbolising the victory of good over evil, and is not confined to one religion. The court ultimately dismissed the pleas, upholding the state government's decision to invite Banu Mushtaq as the chief guest for the Mysuru Dasara inauguration. **BMB**

Principal granted bail in ragging case

A district court in Bengaluru has granted anticipatory bail to the principal of a reputed residential school in South Bengaluru in connection with a case of alleged ragging and sexual harassment of a Class 10 student. The case was registered last week after the student accused his seniors of subjecting him to severe abuse inside the hostel.

The First Information Report (FIR) names eight people, including the principal and the hostel warden. Charges have been filed under provisions of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, the Juvenile Justice Act, and the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). Police had earlier arrested the warden, who allegedly failed to intervene despite repeated complaints.



On Friday, the principal, a 61-year-old woman who was listed as the eighth accused in the case, sought protection from arrest. The court dealing with POCSO cases granted her interim bail, citing "exceptional facts and circumstances."

According to the complaint, the victim had joined the South Bengaluru school this academic year after moving from a boarding school in Maharashtra. Soon after, he was allegedly targeted by Class 12 students over several days. The boy was reportedly forced to strip and dance and was also subjected to sexual harassment. The ordeal came to light when a classmate informed his parents, following which a police case was filed.

The complaint further stated that the warden ignored the student's pleas for help. Relatives of the boy said he remains traumatised and will need time to recover from the experience.

In her defence, the principal claimed the only accusation against her was negligence in failing to act after being alerted about the incidents. She assured the court she would cooperate with the investigation. **BMB**

Commuters flag issue with BMTC app

Bengaluru bus passengers have raised concerns over the Namma BMTC mobile application, which offers real-time tracking of more than 6,000 buses across the city. The issue stems from the recently introduced electric air-conditioned (AC) buses, including the Vayu Vajra fleet to Kempegowda International Airport, which are not yet visible on the platform.

To improve connectivity, the BMTC inducted 320 fully electric AC buses in August under the Gross Cost Contract (GCC) model. This included 235 buses for Vajra city services and 85 for Vayu Vajra airport services.

In the first phase, ten electric Vayu Vajra buses began operating on August 14 across 11 routes linking the city's residential and commercial hubs with the airport. While the new fleet has been welcomed, many commuters have reported difficulty in planning journeys since the buses cannot currently be tracked on the app.

The Namma BMTC app, launched in 2023, has been widely used by passengers for its real-time tracking of 6,245 buses. The platform also provides details of nearby bus stops, facilities at Traffic and Transit Management Centres (TTMCs), and an integrated SOS alert option. However, the absence of the new fleet on the app has reduced its reliability as a travel planning tool.

BMTC has acknowledged the problem and confirmed that integration of the new buses into the app is still underway.

Officials stated that while all earlier electric buses are already connected to the system under the GCC contract, the latest batch of AC electric buses requires additional time for technical integration. **BMB**

Citizens urge BMTC to set up more feeder services

Kithaganur residents seek connectivity to metro station to reduce commuter hardship

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For residents of Kithaganur, Maragondanahalli and surrounding areas, the introduction of bus services between Kithaganur and Kadugodi has come as a great relief. Struggling for years due to the lack of public transport facilities, this service has given them a ray of hope. However, they say that introduction of feeder bus services to the metro station will help them as as they cannot use their own vehicles due to the poor condition of the roads that connect to Old Madras Road.

The residents complain that they have to depend on autorickshaws or their own vehicles to reach Old Madras Road, especially Benniganahalli Metro Station to reach workplaces at Whitefield. The introduction of BMTC feeder bus services would be a great help for thousands of people who commute to their workplaces situated in and around Whitefield.

The residents thanked the BMTC for introducing bus services between Kithaganur and Kadugodi. "We thank the BMTC authorities, especially Depot No 24 Manager Sateesh, for taking the initiative to introduce the bus service between Kithaganur and Kadugodi. It is helping many residents. It will benefit thousands of people if the BMTC authorities introduce feeder bus services between Kithaganur and Benniganahalli Metro Station. A bus service between Kithaganur and Kempegowda International Airport will also benefit many residents," said VP Krishna, Founder of KR Puram Constituency Associations Welfare Federation.

Residents of Kithaganur welcoming the feeder bus service between Kithaganur and Kadugodi

Local residents say poor condition of Old Madras Road makes it difficult for them to reach metro station in their own vehicles. Though new services to Kadugodi have reduced reliance on autorickshaws, they insist extended services will ease pressure daily commuters

Krishna said vacant land is available at Kithaganur for constructing a bus stop. "It is government land. The Revenue Department has erected a signboard stating that the land (measuring 11 acres) belongs to the government. It can be utilised for constructing a bus stop and also used for parking vehicles. It will prevent encroachment of the land by the land grabbers," he said.

Neelima G, another resident, said that many residents have been facing hardship due to the lack of feeder bus facility between Kithaganur and Benniganahalli Metro Station.

"There is no bus facility between Royal Mart and Ramamurthy Nagar Junction. We have to walk from Old Madras Road or rely on autorickshaws to reach Ramamurthy Nagar Junction," said Neelima.

Describing the metro feeder bus service as a major relief for residents, Sujitha Aravind, a resident of Padmeshwarinagar, said that the residents welcomed the recently introduced metro feeder bus service connecting Kithaganur to Kadugodi Metro Station.

"The bus service has significantly reduced dependence on our motorbikes, cars, and autorickshaws, providing a quicker, safer, and more affordable option. Earlier, buses were not easily available. We used to depend on autos or someone from the family to drop us just to reach the main road. Now, the feeder bus is really helping us, especially those who travel daily to the metro," said Sujitha Aravind.

She said that the current frequency of the bus service is not sufficient. "During mornings and evenings, we need a 15-to-20-minute gap between buses when most people are rushing to work or returning home. If more buses are added during peak hours, it will benefit everyone. A feeder bus from Margondanahalli and other surrounding areas via Garden City University to Tin Factory (Benniganahalli Metro Station) will be a great relief for students and office-goers. It will connect a large population that currently struggles with poor road access," she said.

She suggested that vacant government land near the main bus stop should be converted into parking areas and public toilets. "Thousands of people pass through daily, and these facilities will make commuting more convenient," she said.

Meanwhile, BMTC Manager (Depot No. 24) Sateesh said he had received a letter from the residents of Kithaganur requesting the introduction of a feeder bus service between Kithaganur and Benniganahalli. "We will look into the matter. We will increase the number of trips between Kithaganur and Kadugodi depending on the response from commuters," he said.

Guv sends back KTCDA Bill, seeks response

Citizens' objections prompt Raj Bhavan to seek detailed response from State Government

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Karnataka Governor Thawar Chand Gehlot has sent back the Karnataka Tank Conservation and Development Authority Amendment Bill 2025 (KTCDA Amendment Bill 2025) to the State Government.

Through the new Bill, the State Government had proposed to amend Section 12 of the KTCDA Act, 2014, to introduce an area-wise buffer zone for water bodies and permit the construction of certain public utility activities such as roads, bridges, electrical lines, water supply lines, underground drainage lines, pumphouse or sewage treatment plants, intermediate sewage pumping stations, wet-well and other allied work with prior approval of the authority.

However, the Governor decided to send back the file based on objections from the Bengaluru Town Hall Association, a city-based citizen group. "It is necessary to seek clarifications from the State Government about the issues raised by the Town Hall Association. Hence, the government file is returned with a request to resubmit along with clarifications," noted the official document from Raj Bhavan. Notably, Bengaluru Town Hall Association had submitted the memorandum to the Governor on August 25, urging him not to give assent to the KTCDA Amendment Bill that was recently adopted by the Karnataka Legislative Council. The members had reasoned that apart from being environmentally unsound, the amendment might accelerate the destruction of nearly 45,000 lakes throughout Karnataka, including the remaining around 210 lakes in Bengaluru. It also underlined that, according to experts' opinion, the present lake buffer zone of 30 metres is redundant, and the real requirement to achieve ecosystem balance is nearly 300 metres. If anything, the buffer zone should be increased and not decreased.

Memorandum submitted by Bengaluru Town Hall Association highlighted dangers of allowing construction near lakes

The memorandum also underlined that the amendment is in violation of the Constitution and settled law and is harmful to every citizen, as it affects their right to water security and a healthy environment.

The association members had also highlighted that, despite being a critical topic that affects every citizen, their living environment, and their right to life and environment, the State Government did not consult either citizens or experts on the matter. "No expert committee was constituted to consider the implications of a reduction in the buffer zone," noted the memorandum.

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The BBMP-installed gym at P&T Quarters, Kavalbyrasandra, Bengaluru-32I, has remained locked for several days. A private individual in possession of the keys is restricting access, depriving senior citizens of its use in the mornings.

Forgotten street
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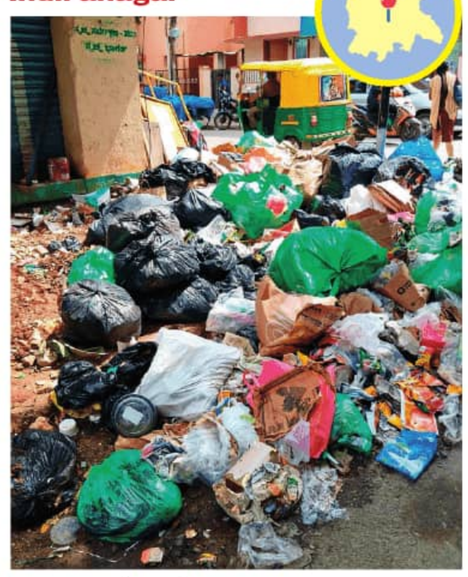

On 10th A Main, Indiranagar, civic neglect is evident. Will the authorities concerned step in to address the issue?

Rusting yard
Basavanagudi

Ratnavilas Road (near Crest Park apartments) has unfortunately become a parking place for abandoned vehicles.

Born to be wild: Forced into city life, peacocks struggle to survive

As green cover reduces, peacocks increasingly venture into city neighbourhoods, struggling for food and shelter while becoming vulnerable to predation and human interference

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Peacocks, India's national bird, are increasingly venturing into urban areas around Bengaluru in search of food and shelter, but their survival is at risk. Once symbols of grace and resilience, these birds are now confronting grave dangers from stray dogs, human interference, and habitat loss. Conservationists are calling for urgent steps to create safe havens before their local populations decline further.

Locals observing a peacock inside the Jnanabharathi campus, reflecting displacement due to habitat loss

Urbanisation pressures

Traditionally, peacocks thrived in forested and rural stretches such as Chikkaballapur, Vijayapura, and Bengaluru's outskirts. Rapid urban expansion, however, has steadily encroached upon these habitats. With shrinking food sources and nesting spaces, peacocks are now straying into urban zones, including the Jnanabharathi campus. In these unfamiliar surroundings, they struggle to survive, often falling prey to dogs, road accidents, or hunters.

Environmentalists note that food scarcity in degraded habitats drives peacocks to human settlements. This movement, though inevitable, exposes them to fatal risks. Reports already indicate a decline in Karnataka's peacock population, tied to habitat degradation and limited protection measures. Observers have even spotted peacocks navigating busy roads in neighborhoods like Sir M Visvesvaraya Layout, highlighting their vulnerability.

Adding to the danger, some locals kill peacocks for meat, believing in its supposed medicinal value. Experts stress that such practices are not only illegal but also ecologically damaging.

Legal protection and awareness

Senior environmentalist Dr AN Yallappareddy emphasises that peacocks enjoy the highest level of legal protection. "The peacock was declared the national bird in 1968, and under the Indian Wildlife Protection Act of 1972, harming or killing them is a criminal offense. While it is permissible to collect naturally fallen feathers, any form of violence against peacocks is strictly prohibited," he said.

Dr Yallappareddy suggests establishing safe zones where peacocks can live and breed without threat. "Urban expansion should not come at the cost of our national bird's survival," he cautioned.

Some locals kill peacocks for meat, wrongly believing in medicinal value; experts warn these illegal practices damage ecology and threaten populations

Call for safe havens

Experts recommend creating sanctuaries and feeding stations within city limits and along forest edges. Such facilities would provide food, water, and secure nesting areas. Vivek K, a Kengeri resident, highlights the importance of enabling peacocks to adapt without harm: "If cities must grow, then parallel measures to protect wildlife must also grow."

Conservationists are urging both forest and municipal authorities to take proactive measures—ranging from habitat restoration and awareness drives to regulated protection zones. "Peacocks are not just ornamental; they play a role in maintaining ecological balance. It is time for coordinated action to protect their future," Dr Yallappareddy said.

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Actor Upendra, wife fall victim to phone con

Kannada actor Upendra Rao on Monday revealed that both his and his wife Priyanka's phones had been hacked, urging people not to respond to any messages seeking money from their numbers. In a video statement, the 56-year-old actor said Priyanka was first targeted after receiving a fraudulent message about an online order, and soon he too faced a similar scam, raising suspicion of a hacker's involvement.

The couple confirmed they would be lodging a police complaint and appealed to the public to stay alert against such cyber frauds. Upendra stressed that neither he nor Priyanka would ever ask for money over calls or messages, warning fans and well-wishers not to fall prey to such tricks.

He further said cybercrime has now become a major threat even to public figures, adding that the only effective way to counter it is through awareness and vigilance. —BMB

BMTC bus gutted in fire, 75 passengers escape safely

A BMTC bus traveling from Majestic to Kadugodi in Bengaluru was gutted by fire on Monday morning, but the driver's quick thinking ensured all 75 passengers escaped unharmed. The incident occurred near HAL Entrance, where smoke and flames suddenly erupted from the engine and rapidly spread across the fully occupied vehicle.

Reacting swiftly, the driver alerted the conductor and guided passengers to safety before emergency services reached the spot to bring the fire under control. Commuters, many of them on their way to work, praised the driver's calm and quick action, crediting him with preventing a major tragedy.

HAL Police confirmed that no injuries were reported in the incident. BMTC has meanwhile set up a special committee to investigate the cause of the blaze. Officials also said safety protocols would be reviewed and preventive measures introduced to avoid future accidents.

Driver's quick action helps 75 passengers escape burning city bus

Previous fire accidents

August 14, 2023 – A man was burnt alive when an abandoned school bus caught fire in OMBR Layout, Banaswadi.

November 15, 2013 – A luxury bus crashed into a bridge railing near Haveri, north Karnataka, burst into flames; seven killed, over 25 injured.

December 2, 2014 – A private bus in KR Puram, Bengaluru, caught fire after colliding with a motorcycle, injuring at least three passengers. —BMB

Road hump claims 1 more on BU campus

A 26-year-old software engineer, Swaroop, lost his life late Saturday night after his bike rammed into a divider while avoiding an unmarked hump inside the Jnanabharathi campus. The accident occurred around 11.45 pm and once again highlighted the hazards posed by poorly marked and faded humps along the stretch. Swaroop, a resident of Papareddypalya, was returning home after work when he lost control of his two-wheeler and sustained fatal injuries. Doctors at a nearby hospital confirmed he was brought dead.

Locals noted that the road leading from Jnanabharathi Metro Station into the campus has seven to eight humps, most without paint or signboards, rendering them nearly invisible to riders at night. Police attributed the crash to overspeeding and negligence but admitted that the absence of visible markings has been a recurring cause of accidents in the area. A case has been registered at Jnanabharathi Traffic Police Station. —BMB

Man arrested for harassing animal lover

Police on Monday arrested Manjunath for sexually harassing a young animal lover in Amrutahalli on September 7. The victim, who had stopped her car to rescue an injured stray dog, was washing her hands at a nearby petrol bunk when the accused approached on a bike, touched her inappropriately, and fled. She immediately filed a complaint at the police station.

Earlier, in Bengaluru Rural, CCTV footage of a woman being harassed and assaulted near Mailasandra on June 23 had gone viral. In that case, John Richard and his father, Kanika Swamy, were arrested after blocking, touching, and attacking the woman as she purchased groceries. Both incidents highlight a disturbing pattern of harassment in public spaces, prompting police to respond swiftly in the Amrutahalli case. —BMB

Chain snatchers attack women in Girinagar

Two women sustained injuries after being attacked by bike-borne chain snatchers armed with a machete in Eshwari Nagar under Girinagar police station limits on Sunday night.

The victims, Usha and Varalakshmi, both homemakers, were returning home after attending Ganesha festivities and an orchestra performance when two helmet-wearing men on a motorcycle confronted them from behind. The miscreants threatened the women with a machete and demanded their valuables.

When the victims resisted, the accused snatched a 10-gram chain from Usha and a 45-gram chain from Varalakshmi.
During the scuffle, Varalakshmi suffered cuts on her fingers while trying to fight them off and later received treatment at a hospital.

According to police, the attackers fled the scene immediately after the assault. CCTV footage from the area captured the duo escaping on their motorcycle. A case has been registered at Girinagar police station, and a special team has been formed to track the culprits.

This incident comes amid a surge in chain-snatching and mobile theft cases reported across Bengaluru during the festive season. —BMB

Karnataka sees sharp drop in narcotics cases, convictions lag

Despite fewer drug cases in Karnataka, rising court dismissals and weak evidence threaten enforcement, prompting new task force and awareness drives

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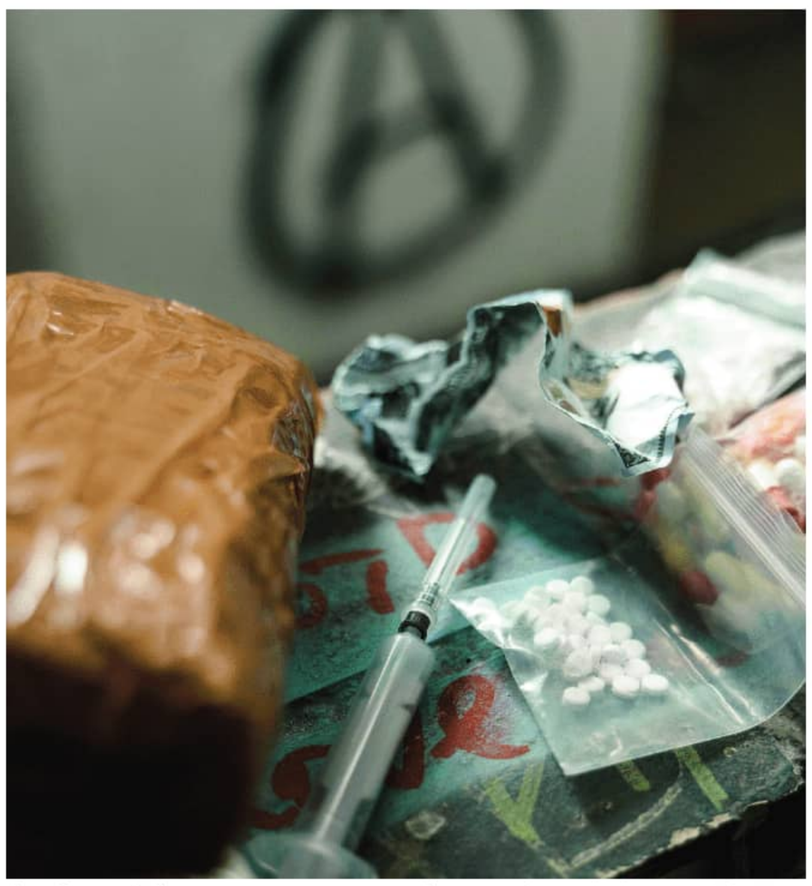
Karnataka has witnessed a significant drop in the number of narcotics-related cases registered under the NDPS Act over the past three years. According to government data, 6,767 cases were registered in 2023, which fell by nearly 38% to 4,188 cases in 2024. The trend continued into 2025, with only 3,530 cases booked until the end of July—indicating a 48% reduction compared to 2023.

A major breakthrough came in July 2025, when police uncovered a narcotics manufacturing unit in Mysuru through a joint operation between the Mumbai and Mysuru police. The case, linked to Mumbai Police's Sakinaka station, led to the arrest of four accused, including mastermind Salim Sheikh, a 47-year-old resident of Mumbai. Investigations revealed that the factory had been set up in Mysuru in early July. Following the bust, two local police staff were suspended for lapses in intelligence gathering.

While enforcement has seen notable successes, conviction rates remain a concern. During a recent reply in the legislature, Home Minister G Parameshwara admitted that courts had dismissed a rising number of cases in recent years. In 2023, out of 6,767 cases filed, 32 were dismissed. The number nearly tripled in 2024, with 92 dismissals, and in 2025 alone (till July), another 66 cases were thrown out. Officials conceded that inadequate evidence and poor documentation had weakened the prosecution's case in many instances.



Students join awareness campaigns and workshops with NCB, highlighting youth engagement in Karnataka's mission to combat dangerous addiction and drug abuse

Narcotics cases have halved in Karnataka, but conviction challenges remain. With a new task force, training, tech tools, and student awareness campaigns, the government intensifies its push for a drug-free state

In response, the government has stepped up efforts to strengthen its anti-drug machinery. An Anti-Narcotics Task Force was set up on August 2, 2025, to monitor cases at the police station level. Training programmes, conducted in collaboration with the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), have already trained 167 officers in specialised narcotics investigation. Six joint workshops have also been organised to build investigative capacity.

To widen its reach, the state has launched the Drugs Free Karnataka mobile app aimed at raising awareness among students and the public. Technology is also being tapped with the use of NIDAAN, the National Integrated Database on Arrested Narco Offenders, to track repeat offenders. On International Day Against Drug Abuse (June 26), nearly 4,000 students took part in awareness campaigns across the state.

Authorities have tightened surveillance in areas with large concentrations of foreign nationals, initiating deportation under the Passport and Foreigners Acts when violations are found. Property seizure proceedings against repeat offenders are also being pursued under NDPS provisions. Alongside enforcement, the government is working with rehabilitation centres to reintegrate victims of drug abuse into society, stressing awareness on the physical, mental, and social harms of addiction.

BWSSB turns sewage sludge into fertiliser

Bengaluru's sewage treatment plants (STPs) are producing more than 4,000 metric tonnes of sludge every month, once considered a waste burden but now being seen as a resource. The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) has launched an initiative to clear mounting sludge piles and transform them into certified, nutrient-rich fertiliser for agriculture. At present, about 2,344 metric tonnes are lifted free of cost by farmers, while over 1,000 metric tonnes still end up in landfills. With more STPs becoming operational, the volumes are expected to rise further. Major contributors include Vrishabhavathi Valley STP generating 1,425 metric tonnes, Bellandur-Amanikere STP with 440 metric tonnes, and KC Valley STP with 354 metric tonnes. BWSSB plans to process the sludge scientifically, ensuring it is safe, odour-free, and nutrient-rich before marketing it to farmers. Officials say this step not only tackles the waste challenge but also supports sustainable agriculture and opens a new revenue stream for the city. **–BMB**

Bengaluru roads get ₹1,100 crore boost

Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar has announced a massive allocation of ₹1,100 crore for road development in Bengaluru, aimed at repairing damaged stretches and constructing new roads. Taking to social media platform X, Shivakumar assured citizens that the state government is committed to building smooth, pothole-free roads across the city. Out of the total funds, ₹50 crore has been earmarked for each of the 14 assembly constituencies, while the remaining constituencies will receive ₹25 crore each. The initiative seeks to address long-standing concerns over Bengaluru's deteriorating road infrastructure and ensure equal benefits across constituencies. Officials said the funds will be utilised for both repair works and new road projects, strengthening connectivity and easing traffic movement across the city. **–BMB**

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Spotlight on 25 tourist spots in Bengaluru Rural

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The 2024–25 Tourism Policy identifies 25 key destinations in Bengaluru Rural for promotion and preservation. Improved facilities, conservation efforts, and special campaigns aim to transform the district into a vibrant weekend hub

Bengaluru Rural district, though located just outside the state capital, is dotted with hills, lakes, temples and forts that attract visitors from across Karnataka. Some places are already popular, while others remain hidden gems. Now, under the 2024–25 State Tourism Policy, the government has approved 25 tourist destinations in the district for focused development and promotion, a move expected to significantly increase footfall.

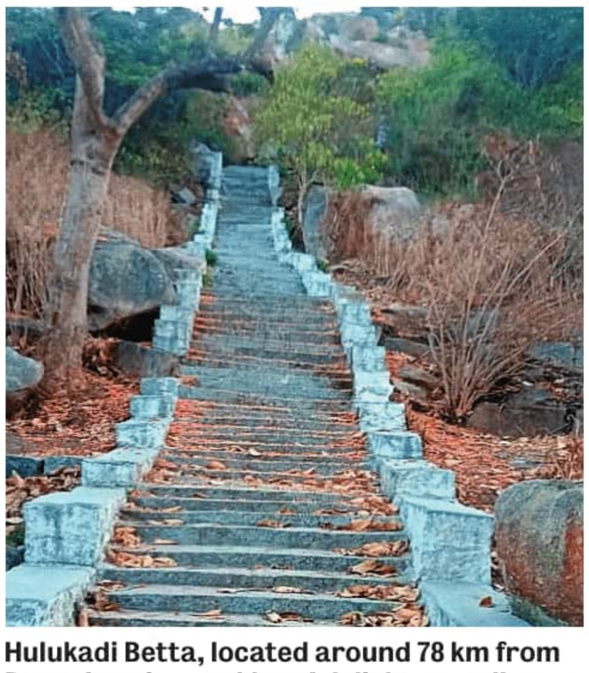
Tourism officials said while renowned religious and heritage sites already draw lakhs of visitors every year, many lesser-known destinations remain underexplored. They believe that better publicity, upgraded infrastructure, and sustainable planning can transform these locations into weekend hotspots for travellers from Bengaluru and beyond.

The new policy highlights both development and conservation. Ancient hills like Kundana Betta, heritage temples, and lakes have been earmarked for special attention. Authorities stressed that restoring old structures, improving amenities, and rejuvenating water bodies will not only protect cultural assets but also enhance the visitor experience.

Among the key sites approved are Ghati Subramanya Temple, Chikka Madhure, Makalidurga Hills, Hullukudi Hills, Devanahalli Fort, Avati's Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple, Shirdi Sai Baba Temple, attractions near Nandi Hills, Nijagal Siddarabetta, Uddagere Veerabhadra Swamy Temple, Baradi Betta, Hoskote Lake, Dharmeshwara Temple at Kondrahalli, Kalanneraveshwara Temple at Jadigenahalli, and Sapthamatha Temple.

Development works are already underway at Ghati Subramanya and Kundana Betta, confirmed Preeti, Assistant Director, Department of Tourism, Bengaluru. She said the new approvals have raised hopes of better amenities, smoother access, and stronger local economic opportunities for visitors.

Officials and stakeholders maintain that if these projects are executed effectively, Bengaluru Rural could soon emerge as a vibrant weekend tourism hub, blending heritage, spirituality, and natural beauty. To boost awareness, the tourism department is also preparing a "Weekend Tourism Guide" campaign aimed at showcasing these attractions to a wider audience.



Hulukadi Betta, located around 78 km from Bengaluru is a trekkers' delight as well as a popular pilgrim spot

Dengue outbreak controlled with strict civic measures

Data shows dengue decline across zones, particularly July and August, with GBA attributing success to awareness, prevention efforts

The Greater Bangalore Authority (GBA) has reported a sharp and positive decline in dengue cases across all zones of the city in 2025 compared to the same period last year. Official data from January to mid-September shows an overall fall of nearly 82 percent, with the steepest reductions seen during July and August, months that had witnessed peak infections in 2024.

INFOCUS
DENGUE CONTROL

Bowring Hospital doctors advise flu shots, masks, and early treatment for seasonal viral infections

According to figures provided by GBA, between January and September 14, 2025, the city recorded 2,453 dengue cases. In contrast, the corresponding period in 2024 saw 13,620 infections. The breakdown for 2025 shows 421 cases in the Central zone, 928 in the East, 342 in the West, 256 in the North, and 476 in the South. The decline is especially notable when seen against last year's monthly surge. In July 2024 alone, Bengaluru recorded 5,172 cases, followed by 3,004 in August. This year, July saw only 564 cases, while August dropped further to 478. Even in September, up to the 14th, just 168 cases were registered compared to 1,928 for the same period last year.

DENGUE

Month wise case details 2024		2025 dengue cases
Jan	257	Jan: 156
Feb	216	Feb: 114
Mar	240	Mar: 55
Apr	217	Apr:130
May	782	May: 299
Jun	1804	Jun: 489
Jul	5172	Jul: 564
Aug	3004	Aug :478
Sep	1923	Sep :168 (til sep 14)

Authorities attribute this substantial fall to a combination of strict enforcement measures, widespread awareness drives, and timely preventive action across the city. "While there has been a rise in viral fever cases this year, dengue cases are clearly on the decline. In May and June, we conducted special training sessions for school students on dengue prevention and trained our pourakarmikas. Additionally, we engaged nearly 700 extra volunteers who carried out larvae surveys door-to-door, eliminating potential breeding sites. Last year, the city had recorded more than 50,000 cases, but this year numbers are far lower," said Dr Sirajuddin Madini.

"The numbers show the impact of our joint efforts with residents and civic teams. But we cannot relax our guard," a senior GBA official explained. Dr Madini clarified: "We are not witnessing a high number of dengue cases. Doctors from city hospitals also confirmed the decline. A senior physician from Victoria Hospital said, "We are seeing cases of pneumonia and upper respiratory tract infections in both children and adults, but not many dengue cases. There is no need to panic. Taking a flu shot is advisable, along with wearing masks, washing hands, staying hydrated, and seeking medical care in time." Dr Manoj Kumar, Director and Dean of Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital, reiterated there has been no rise in dengue or flu cases.

—Iffath Fathima

CRIME FILES

Man falls in cyber con trap twice in a row

A 24-year-old private firm employee, who had earlier lost ₹71 lakh in a cyber fraud, has allegedly fallen victim to a fresh online scam, coerced into transferring ₹72 lakh.

The victim filed a complaint with the Central Division Cyber Crime Police on Saturday. In April, he had fallen prey to an online trading racket, losing ₹71.9 lakh, of which ₹9.8 lakh was later refunded through court intervention after tracing the amount to accounts linked to the accused.

According to his new complaint, on July 1, an unknown caller via social media and WhatsApp threatened to implicate him in police cases unless he paid. Between July 1 and November 11, the victim claims he was forced to transfer ₹72.6 lakh under duress.

Police are verifying transaction details to confirm the claim. Officers noted the case is suspicious since the victim, despite a prior experience, again succumbed to threats. Investigations are ongoing to trace suspects through the digital trail.

An FIR has been registered under the IT Act and Section 308 (extortion) of the BNS.

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Speeding truck crushes 12-year-old boy on cycle

A 12-year-old boy, Shashank, was tragically killed after a speeding truck hit him while he rode his new bicycle on Sannakki Bayalu Road in Kamakshipalya on Monday.

The Class 7 student had just returned from school when his grandfather surprised him with the bicycle, bought after selling a lamb. Excited, Shashank rode it to call a friend to play. When the friend's family did not allow him out, he cycled alone.

Barely a few metres from his house, a truck rammed into him. Shashank lost balance, fell under the rear wheel, and was crushed to death. The driver fled the scene immediately.

Shashank's father, who works at a garment factory.

Kamakshipalya traffic police have registered a case of hit-and-run, citing death due to negligence and rash driving. Investigations are underway to trace and apprehend the driver.

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INBRIEF

Notice to SIT probing Dharmasthala burial case

The Karnataka High Court on Monday issued a notice to the Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the alleged clandestine burials in Dharmasthala. The direction came in response to a plea filed by two local residents, Purandara Gowda and another, who sought urgent action on their representations requesting site inspections and excavation of bodies at specific locations they had identified.

Justice M Nagaprasanna, hearing the matter, observed that the petitioners were compelled to approach the court since their earlier representations had not been acted upon by the SIT, which was constituted to investigate Crime No. 39/2025, based on a complaint by a sanitation worker. The judge issued notice to the SIT, while Special Public Prosecutor BN Jagadessha accepted notice on behalf of the agency and assured the court that he would secure instructions and make submissions at the next hearing on Thursday.

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Valmiki Corporation 'scam': CBI searches premises of ex-minister

The CBI on Monday conducted searches at the premises of former Karnataka minister B Nagendra and 15 other locations in the state and Andhra Pradesh in connection with the Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation 'scam', officials said.

The case involves serious allegations of transferring government funds to personal accounts of Nagendra's relatives from the accounts of Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation.

Founded in 2006, the Valmiki Corporation was established to implement developmental schemes aimed at improving the socio-economic conditions of Scheduled Tribe communities in the state.

The CBI had registered the case on a complaint from the deputy general manager of Union Bank of India, where the account of Valmiki Corporation was maintained, alleging misappropriation of over Rs 84 crore through illegal transfer and withdrawal from the accounts of the corporation between February 21, 2024 and May 06, 2024.

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Case against auto driver accused of sexual harassment

The Puttenahalli police have registered a case of sexual harassment against an autorickshaw driver who allegedly molested a 19-year-old student after dropping her home on September 8.

The vehicle (KA01 AQ9254) was driven by the accused, identified as Hanumanthappa H Talwar.

In her complaint, the survivor stated the incident occurred around 5.15 pm as she was about to alight. Hanumanthappa allegedly told her she looked like an actress and, under the pretext of helping with her bag, touched her inappropriately. "He touched my forehead claiming to check if I had a fever. Despite my warnings and resistance, he groped me," she said. The survivor pushed him away, ran inside her house, and informed her mother before approaching the police.

The police confirmed a case has been registered, and further investigations are ongoing to apprehend the accused.

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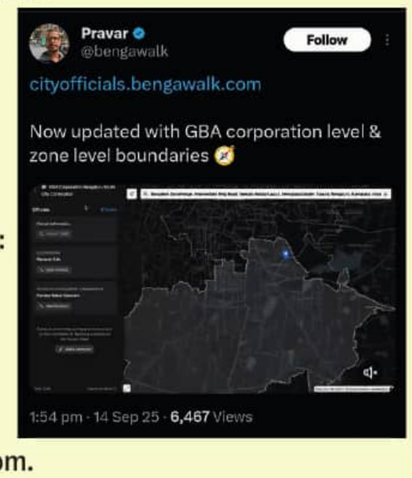

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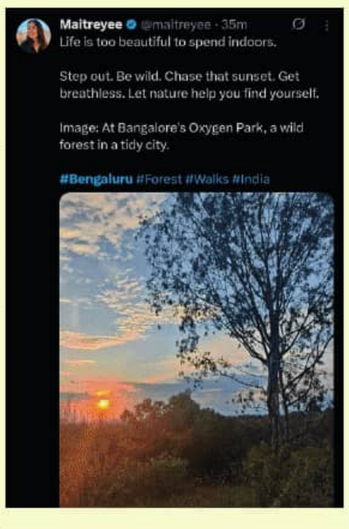
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India's smartphone exports surpass Rs 1 lakh crore this fiscal so far, Apple leads: Data

India's smartphone exports have crossed Rs 1 lakh crore in value in the first five months of FY26, setting a new record, according to industry estimates.

Even amid tariff and trade disputes with the US, India's smartphone export figure represented a 55 per cent increase -- from Rs 64,500 crore during the same period last fiscal (FY25).

Tech giant Apple's contract manufacturers, Tata Electronics and Foxconn, made up nearly 75 per cent of outbound shipments, contributing over Rs 75,000 crore worth of exports, as per industry sources.

The production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme incentivised the US tech giant to move its manufacturing capabilities into India.

iPhone 16 Plus models of US tech giant Apple Inc. are displayed for sale at a mall in Bengaluru

Apple has increased production in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, leveraging the PLI scheme while remaining insulated from potential tariff escalations.

The iPhone maker has also dedicated most of its export capacity in the country to supply the US market so far in 2025.

India's iPhone shipments to the US have increased significantly, with 78 per cent of domestically assembled iPhones exported there in the first half of 2025 — up from 53 per cent the previous year.

India's share of US smartphone imports increased to 44 per cent this year, while China's share fell to 25 per cent, down from 61 per cent in mid-2024. The total volume of "Made-in-India" smartphones grew over 240 per cent YoY.

Alongside China and Vietnam, India is now a major player in global electronics manufacturing, with companies shifting production to diversify supply chains.

Samsung and Motorola have also increased their share of US-targeted supply from India, although their shifts are significantly slower and smaller in scale than Apple's. Motorola, similar to Apple, has its core manufacturing hub in China, whereas Samsung relies mainly on producing its smartphones in Vietnam. **IANS**

'Japanese firms confirmed investments worth Rs 4K cr'

Karnataka Large and Medium Industries Minister MB Patil on Monday said that investments worth Rs 4,000 crore have been confirmed during the recently concluded visit to Japan, by the delegation led by him.

Expressing satisfaction with the success of the visit, he said that these new investments by some of Japan's leading companies would further strengthen the existing industrial ecosystem in Karnataka.

"Japanese investors arrive at decisions only after careful consideration. Moreover, Karnataka is home to more than 50 per cent of the total Japanese companies operating in India," Patil said.

He said the earlier visit to Japan and South Korea had resulted in attracting investments of around Rs 6,500 crore, a statement from the minister's office said.

During the latest visit, discussions were held on several projects, including the expansion plans of Honda and a proposal by Sumitomo, in collaboration with Mukand Sumi, to set up a steel plant, the minister said.

Patil observed that the 50 per cent tariff imposed on Indian goods by US President Donald Trump has caused some disruption.

In such a situation, it has become challenging for investors to make decisions, he added. **PTI**

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Survival of the grittiest

faking phone conversations during late-night commutes, avoiding letting strangers know they are lost, and choosing autos over cabs.

Other instincts shared by women included always checking if someone is following them, staying alert to notice if another woman might be in trouble, and mentally preparing a defence mechanism, whether carrying a knife or simply planning how to react in case of danger. "If anyone is following, slowly act like you're tying your lace and pick up two stones," suggested Varshita, a social sector employee, who said she had faced such situations twice.

Nargis, a former student in the city, recalled a similar experience. "Some strange men on the street were following me and I noticed it. I walked past really fast and fierce, in a way that made them feel like I had somewhere important to be. I held my phone and pretended to talk, saying, 'Yeah, I'm just two minutes away'," she said.

Such encounters, they say, have taught them to adopt different tactics and instincts to stay safe and avoid potential trouble.

Among office-going women, booking an auto instead of a cab emerged as the most common choice, with many believing it is

easier to escape from an auto than from a cab in case of danger. This also brings to mind a recent incident in East Bengaluru where a woman employee jumped off an auto after the driver, suspected to be intoxicated, began taking unfamiliar routes.

Police stress quick thinking, use of safety tools

Police officials say that the instincts women adopt in such situations, like staying alert, acting quickly, or creating diversion, can often help them avoid potential danger. "These quick reactions can make all the difference. In most cases, the few seconds women buy themselves by pretending to be on a call, walking with confidence, or seeking help immediately, can prevent the crime from escalating," said a senior woman police officer.

At the same time, officials stressed the importance of making use of the safety mechanisms already in place. "Emergency apps like KSP app, the dial-112 helpline, and police patrol units are meant for immediate assistance. Unfortunately, many women still hesitate to use them. We encourage women to download and actively use these apps, as they can alert the nearest control room and send help within minutes," the officer added.

According to the police, technology-backed support systems can serve as an additional shield, ensuring quicker intervention during emergencies.

Errant motorists put others' lives at risk

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putting themselves at risk, too," said the official.

Traffic police officials say the number of 'no entry' violations has surged, leading to traffic congestion. So much so that the special drives conducted to book 'no entry' drivers have now been made an everyday affair.

"For the last one month, we have been fining wrong-side drivers and also booking FIRs against them regularly. We had to resort to everyday vigilance against this violation to ensure the smooth flow of traffic and reduce the risk of road accidents. The plan is to continue this exercise. This is in addition to better enforcement with cameras and campaigns," said DCP (Traffic) East.

However, commuters say there is no respite from vehicles, including four-wheelers and heavy vehicles, moving on the wrong side, creating dangerous situations on roads.

"Vehicles coming from the wrong side of the road are an everyday sight on my way to the office and back home. Two-wheelers riding on the wrong side without helmets is a routine. In some cases, they also have children as pillion riders.

These vehicles, including four-wheelers driving on the wrong side with headlights on, zoom past confidently and without remorse. I have landed in risky situations due to them on multiple occasions," recounted a commuter.

Traffic police recorded 1.87 lakh cases of 'no entry' in 2024, averaging to 511 violations every day. In 2023, a little over 1.4 lakh cases were registered with an average of 395 cases per day.

HEALTH TIP: An occasional salty snack is fine for most people, but making it a daily habit can raise your blood pressure

Add some citrusy element such as lemon to replace the urge to add more salt to the food or meal

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GOOD THINGS IN SMALL DOSES

Can you 'microdose' exercise?

Microdosing" originally meant taking tiny amounts of psychedelics (such as mushrooms) to enhance mood or performance, with fewer side effects.

But the term has taken off to mean anything where you incorporate a much lower "dose" of something – and still reap the benefits.

So, does this work for exercise? If you can't make time for a 30-minute run, will shorter bursts of activity do anything for your health?

Here's what the evidence says.

The minimum you should move

According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), adults should aim each week for either a minimum of 150 minutes of moderate intensity aerobic exercise – meaning it's hard to hold a conversation – or 75 minutes of vigorous intensity – you are gasping for air at the end of it. Or you can do a combination of moderate and vigorous activity.

This can include activities such as brisk walking, cycling, running, swimming or rowing, and team sports such as football and basketball. If you exercise every day, you'd need to do 20–30 minutes of these activities. Or you might do a couple of longer training sessions or matches two or three times a week.

WHO guidelines also recommend including muscle-strengthening activities (such as lifting weights, or high-impact exercise like sprinting) at least twice a week.

What counts as exercise?

Incidental activity – unplanned or everyday movement, such as playing with kids or walking to the bus stop – may contribute to your physical activity levels over the week.

So, yes, housework can count. For example, chores like mopping and vacuuming tend to have a similar physical demand as going for a walk.

While this activity wouldn't be considered vigorous, it could contribute to your moderate intensity minutes.

So, do smaller chunks work?

Yes, the good news is doing small amounts of exercise throughout the day is just as effective as doing one long session.

In fact, it may have some additional benefits.

A 2019 review of 19 studies looked at this question, involving more than 1,000 participants. It found multiple, shorter "chunks" of exercise in a day improved heart and lung fitness and blood pressure as much as doing one longer session.

And there was some evidence these chunks actually led to more weight loss and lower cholesterol.

The most common way this exercise was compared in the 19 studies was with one group doing three ten-minute bouts of exercise five days a week, and another doing one 30-minute session, five days a week.

Even very short bouts might help

Another 2019 study in young adults examined the effect of short "exercise snacks" on fitness. While small, it had some interesting and positive results.

The exercise "snack" group did three very short sessions per day, three times a week, for six weeks. Each session involved a light two-minute warm-up, followed by a 20-second maximal effort sprint – where you push as hard as you can – and then a one-minute cool-down.

In total: just three minutes and 20 seconds of exercise, three times a day, three days a week.

The control group did one session a day, three days a week, but it was longer – a total of ten minutes. It involved a two-minute warm-up, followed by three 20-second sprints, with three minutes of light recovery between sprints, then a one-minute cool-down.

The "snack" group saw significant improvements in aerobic fitness, which is one of the strongest predictors of your risk of dying early and overall health.

Similar research has suggested this same approach can have positive effects on lowering cholesterol levels. However, it may not provide enough total exercise time to lose weight.

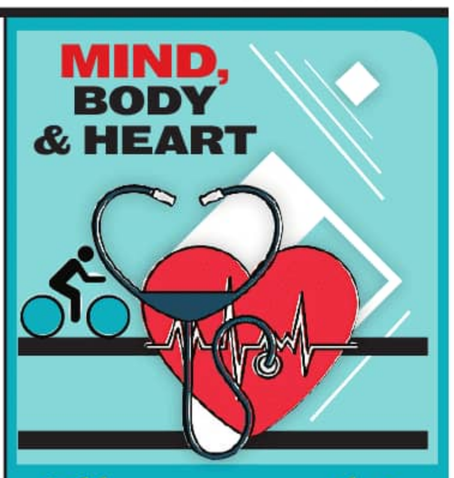
Shorter – but harder?

The research outlined above suggests the shorter your exercise session, the harder you need to push.

So you might need to adapt your exercise to increase intensity. For example, one minute of maximal intensity exercise might be worth two minutes of moderate intensity exercise.

Basically, if you're short on time you will get more bang-for-your-buck by going harder.

(By Hunter Bennett, University of South Australia, The Conversation)



All you need to know about...

How to make kids independent

1. Provide Age-Appropriate Work
Providing kids with straightforward tasks such as putting out the table, watering plants, or tidying up toys educates them on the value of their contribution to the household. It makes them feel a sense of responsibility and ownership and reiterates that they can make a difference.

2. Promote Problem-Solving
Instead of jumping in the moment when a child encounters a problem, lead them to consider solutions they may have. Encourage them with questions such as "What do you think we should do?" or "Have you tried doing it this way?" This not only sharpens critical thinking but also solidifies their problem-solving ability.

3. Set A Regular Routine
A consistent daily routine helps children plan their time and understand the importance of keeping up a balance between various responsibilities. Setting homework, play, and chores at regular times provides stability and strengthens the concept of self-control.

4. Be Present For Them
In the chaos of modern life, it's simple to attempt to compensate for our lack with gifts. But what children really need from their parents is attention and time. Being present, listening, playing together, and being there for their discoveries is worth infinitely more than any toy or gadget.

5. It Is Okay To Fail
Kids do best when they believe that they are being understood and encouraged. Your encouragement and belief in them build their confidence to risk, the support to attempt again after they fall, and the emotional comfort to develop into capable, well-adjusted adults.

—Femina

MIRRORLIGHTS

Women 16% less likely to be well post-delivery when cared for by mothers-in-law: Study

Women who are cared for by mothers-in-law following child-birth are 16% less likely to be well post-delivery, compared to those cared for by mothers, a study of 551 mother-caregiver pairs in India has found.

Findings also reveal that the new mothers in less than a third of the pairs studied reported being involved in making decisions on infant care and themselves.

Researchers from US' University of California, YosAid Innovation Foundation and a non-profit Noora Health India Private Limited in Bengaluru, said the findings improve our understanding of how caregivers can impact a woman's post-delivery care in India.

The study, published in the journal PLOS One, also provides "new insights into how caregiving and decision-making responsibilities are distributed within families," the team said.

The participants were recruited from a larger sample of 18,436 women who delivered in 28 district hospitals across Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Punjab between September 2018 and May 2020.

These women responded to a survey one month after being discharged from a hospital post-delivery. Data of 551 pairs of mother-caregivers were eventually analysed.

"Birthing women whose caregivers are mothers-in-law are 16.2% less likely to be well post-delivery," the authors wrote.

The researchers found that well-being among women "when their primary caregiver is their own mother" post-delivery was higher, compared to those who had their mothers-in-law as the caregiver. In terms of post-delivery care of the infant and the mother, on an average 70% of a household's decisions are either made by the mother herself or one of the caregivers such as the father, maternal grandmother, or paternal grandmother of the newborn.

The team found that the involvement of new mothers in household decision-making is low, with less than a third among them reporting involvement in neither the infant's care nor her own. —PTI

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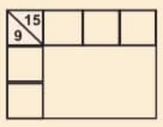
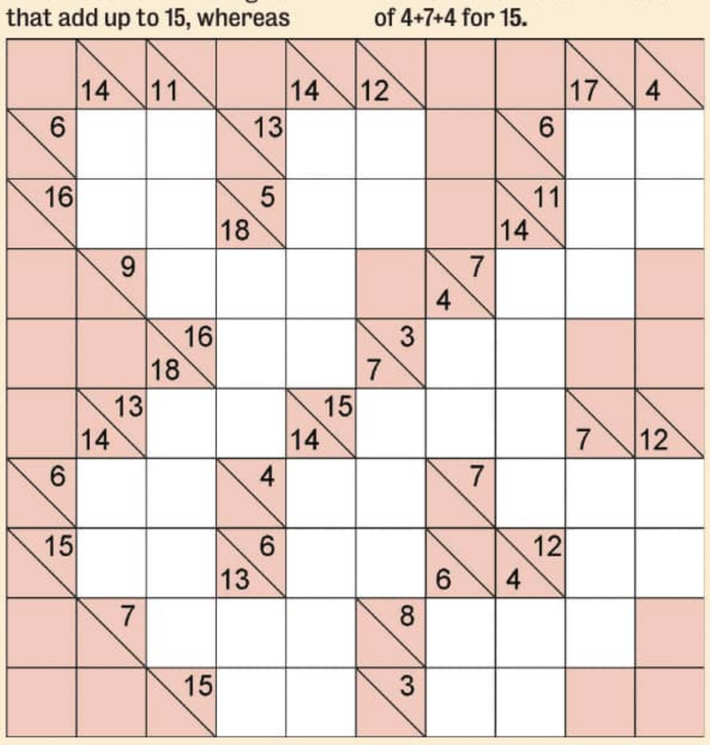
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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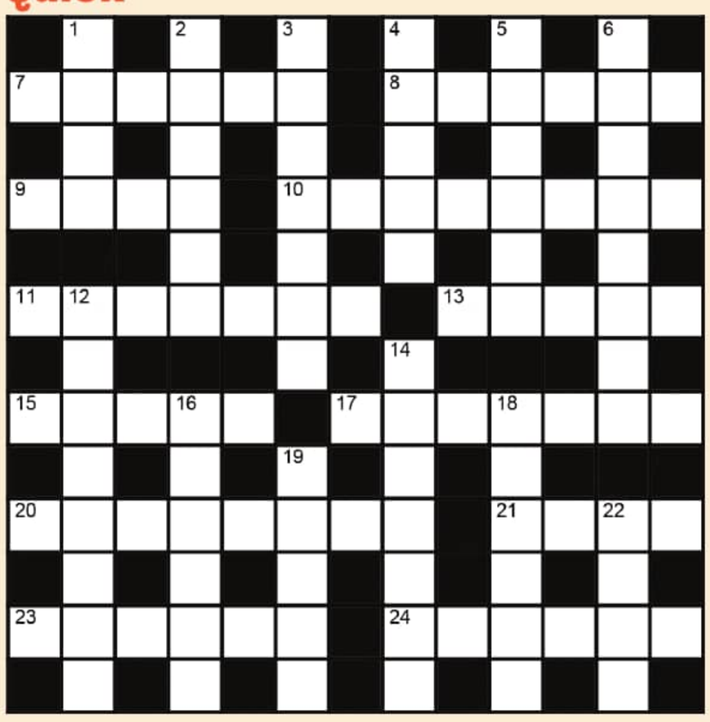


ACROSS

7 Froth or foam (6)
8 Yearly (6)
9 East European (4)
10 Giving as a grant or charity or loan (8)
11 Injured with steam or hot water (7)
13 Old capital city of Japan (5)
15 Sprig of flowers (5)
17 Word of opposite meaning (7)
20 Use up completely (3,3,2)
21 Working instrument (4)
23 Vanquish (6)
24 Elicited, evinced or extracted (6)

DOWN

1 Pay a visit (4)
2 Large spade (6)
3 Commanded (7)
4 Bangalore is divided into 225 ____ (5)
5 Unidirectional (3,3)
6 Principal supporter (8)
12 Arrested or took prisoner (8)
14 Inhaled audibly through the nose (7)
16 Made amends (6)
18 ___ ___ blood : aggressively determined to avenge ? (3,3)
19 Numerical facts in short (5)
22 Was indebted to (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: H EQUALS P

PL VAX ZA TAB BDEE BGD BKXBG MJAXB VAXKUDEL VAX QMTTAB BDEE PB MJAXB ABGDK HDAHED.

Linemaro

I just wanna let you know how beautiful you are and was wondering if you could buy me a drink

Mindchow

Perhaps the most delightful friendships are those in which there is much argument, much disputation, and yet more personal liking

Joke of the day

Awards are like piles... sooner or later, every bum gets one

Loop

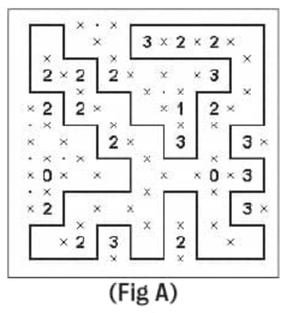
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

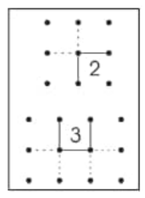
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

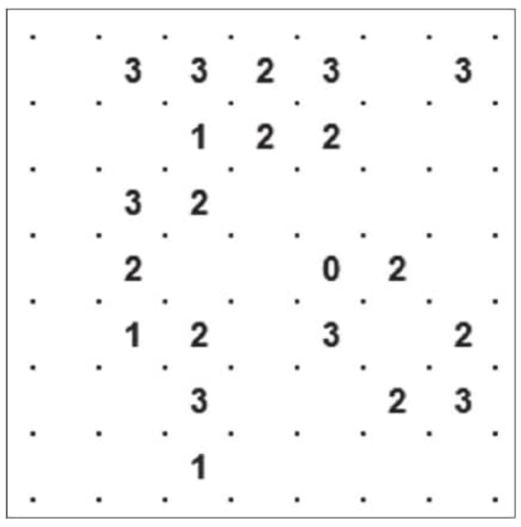
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



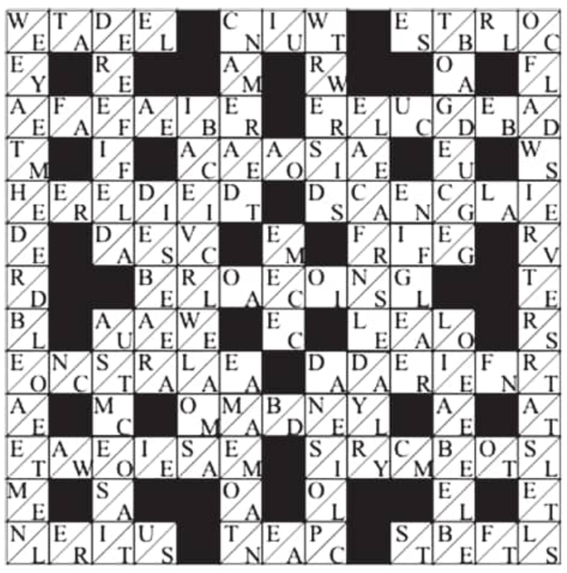
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4 F	5
6				
7				
8				
9				

ACROSS

1 Let FC; 6 Ameer; 7 RA Bum; 8 Mines; 9 Ray be

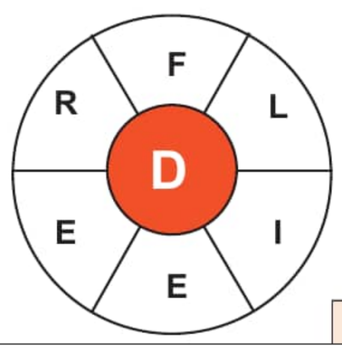
DOWN

1 Mr Cub; 2 A mail; 3 Me Reb; 4 N Frey; 5 Setae

Mensapuzzle

Which number replaces the question mark and completes the puzzle?

3	1	2	4
7	2	6	7
3	5	2	8
4	4	2	?



Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

18 Average; **20** Good; **22** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

		9	5		6	7		
	3	8	7		4	5	1	
2			3	5	1			8
		6				2		
8			6	7	2			9
	4	2	9		7	3	8	
		3	1		8	9		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 3

2 6 7 8

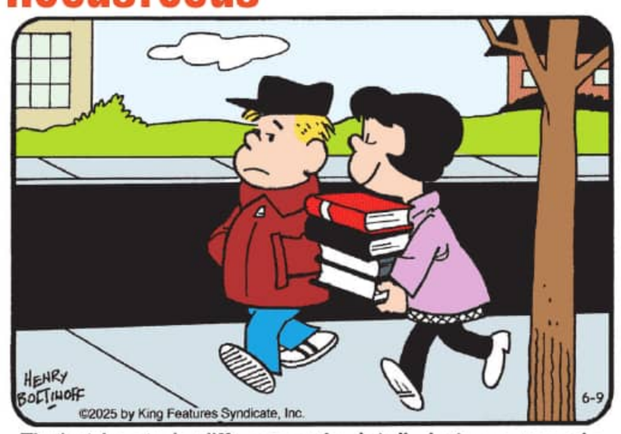
Medium = 3

1 3 6 7

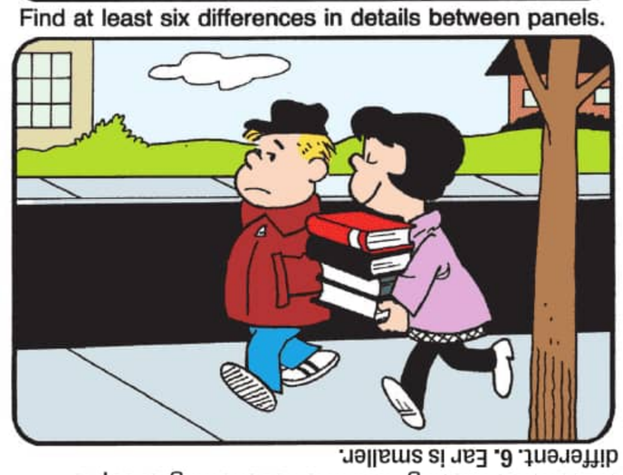
Hard = 1

2 5 6 9

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Leg is moved. 2. Book is different. 3. Branch is missing. 4. Arm is not showing. 5. Cap is different. 6. Ear is smaller.

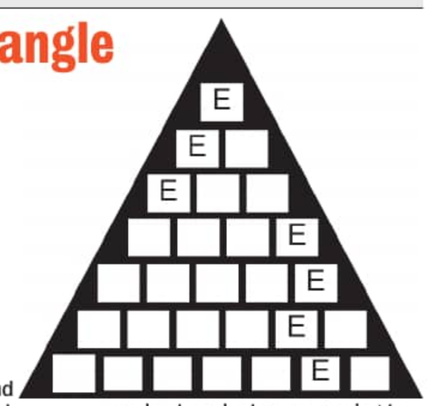
Riddler

Each pair of hints below relates to two words. One of the words is the other one spelled backward. What are the word pairs?

1. light source, rodents
2. dwell, wicked
3. retain, sneaking look
4. weapons, tight fit
5. portion, catching device

Alpha triangle

1 Second vowel
2 ____tu Brute...
3 Consume
4 After the bell
5 Roofing tile
6 Seasoned
7 Blew up



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE »

COMICS

Popeye

POPEYE WRECKED BOTH OF OUR MONSTERS!
BAH! HE'S TOO MUCH!
WE PICKED AN UNFAIR TARGET FOR OUR CONTEST!
YEAH!
YOO-HOO, OLIVE!
WHERE IS YOU?!
IT IS SAFE TO COME BACK!
THE MONSKER IS KILLED!
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Hypochondria of this type usually responds well to an imaginary placebo.

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

THANKS FOR INVITING ME OVER, KAT!
I DON'T THINK WE'VE HUNG OUT SINCE YOU CUT YOUR HAIR. YOU NEED THIS CHARLOTTE TIME, AND I'M HAPPY TO DONATE A FEW HOURS OF MY DAY.
HOW GENEROUS!
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Crankshaft

WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE SCHOOL IS OUT AND I'VE GOT MY SUMMER VISITORS BACK!
ACTUALLY, WE DON'T WANT TO BE VISITORS ANYMORE...
RIGHT! WE WANT TO TURN PRO!
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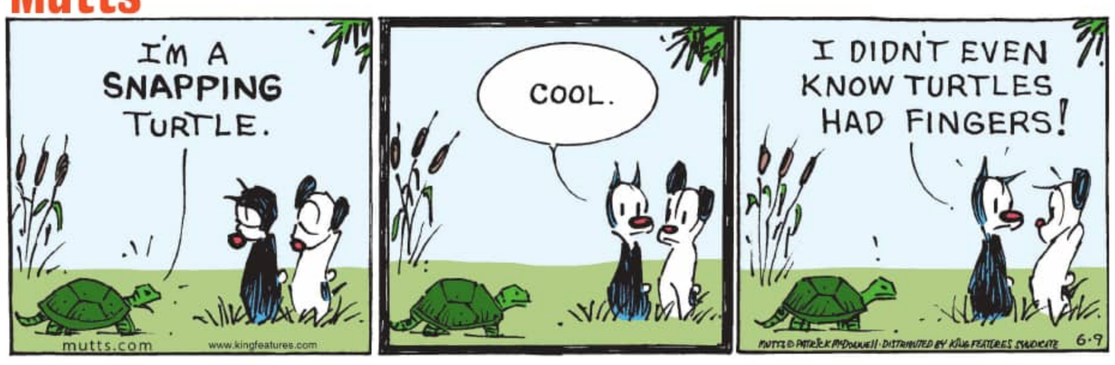
Mutts



WRITTEN IN THE STARS

DR SUNDEEP KOCHAR

If it's your birthday today

Your birthday promises breakthroughs ahead. Finances grow with careful budgeting and wise investments. Career prospects thrive when you showcase your problem-solving skills. Love strengthens through open, honest dialogue. Luck visits during moments of collaboration. Tip: Focus on health and wellness, physical and mental vitality will fuel your ambitions and create a strong foundation for success.

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20

Confidence leads to success. Seize opportunities fearlessly and trust your instincts. This courage attracts support from others, paving the way for personal victories and meaningful progress in both career and relationships.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23

Recognition is coming, your hard work hasn't gone unnoticed. Celebrate these achievements with gratitude and humility. Use this momentum to pursue new projects with confidence, knowing your dedication continues to inspire others.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22

Adventure awaits, explore new places or learn something unexpected. These experiences spark growth, fueling your passion for life and inspiring creative ideas you can apply to your personal and professional endeavors.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20

Slow down and savor the present. Enjoy simple pleasures like a comforting meal or quiet conversation. These grounding moments bring emotional renewal, balancing your mind and heart for the days ahead.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23

Declutter your environment and mind. Organizing creates clarity, boosting productivity and reducing stress. This refreshed mindset allows you to approach challenges with renewed focus, bringing you closer to achieving your goals.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20

Hard work delivers results. Your commitment to excellence creates opportunities for advancement. Stay focused and continue pushing forward, your efforts are shaping a future filled with success and fulfillment in every area.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21

Your quick thinking solves problems effortlessly. Use this gift to help others, building goodwill and strengthening bonds. Sharing your skills creates trust and opens doors for collaborative success and meaningful connections.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22

Your kindness has a lasting impact. Offering help or encouragement today strengthens relationships and brings joy to both you and others. These compassionate acts build harmony in your personal and professional circles.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19

Innovative ideas flow effortlessly. Share them with others who value your perspective. Collaborative brainstorming brings exciting possibilities, turning your visions into reality while strengthening your network of supportive, creative individuals.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23

Home brings peace, spend time with family or create a cozy environment for yourself. These nurturing spaces provide emotional security, helping you recharge and reconnect with what truly matters most.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22

Dig deep and embrace self-reflection. Understanding your emotions provides the insight needed for transformation. Use this awareness to let go of what no longer serves you, making space for empowering new beginnings.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20

Compassion leads the way. Offering emotional support uplifts others and deepens connections. Your intuitive guidance is a gift, use it to create healing spaces for yourself and those who need understanding.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M

√(64)/√(10 − 6)
= 8/√4
= 8/2 = 4

RIDDLER

1. star, rats,
2. live, evil,
3. keep, peek,
4. guns, snug &
5. part, trap

FAST FIVE

C	L	E	F	T
R	A	M	E	E
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QUOTE UNCODE

If you do not tell the truth about yourself you cannot tell it about other people.

STRIKE OUT

W	A	D	E		C	U	T		E	B	R	O		
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MENSA PUZZLE

38. Starting at the top, add 4 to the first number to get the second, then add 5, 6, 7 etc.

BULL'S EYE

deer, defer, deffie, dell, dire, elder, eldest, feed, field, FIELDER, filed, fired, fled, freed, fried, idle, idler, lied, reed, relled, rifled

SUDOKU

9	8	1	4	3	5	6	2	7
7	6	3	1	2	8	9	5	4
5	4	2	9	6	7	3	8	1
8	5	4	6	7	2	1	3	9
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6	3	8	7	9	4	5	1	2
1	2	9	5	8	6	7	4	3
4	7	5	2	1	3	8	9	6

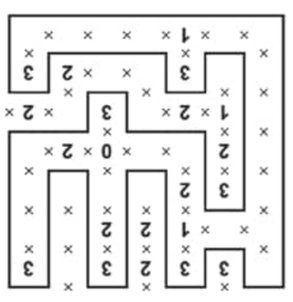
ALPHA TRIANGLE

E, Et, Eat, Late, Slate, Salted, Blasted.

GO FIGURE

Easy
7 + 6 − 2 − 8 = 3
Medium
7 − 6 − 1 + 3 = 3
Hard
6 + 9 / 5 − 2 = 1

LOOP



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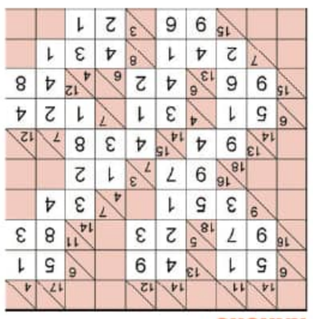

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Grand set

A huge and expensive set for Dr Shivarajkumar and Daali Dhananjaya-starrer movie 666 Operation Dream Theater is being constructed at Kanteerava Studios. It is the third movie in which Shivarajkumar and Daali Dhananjaya share the screen. 666 Operation Dream Theater is directed by acclaimed director Hemanth M Rao. The poster of the movie was released on July 12, Dr Shivarajkumar's birthday. Later, the movie's team released one more poster on the occasion of Daali Dhananjaya's birthday on August 23. Both the posters showcased the actors in retro getups.

It is said the first schedule of the movie was completed. Now, the team is about to start the second schedule at the grand set for around 100 days.

The movie is being bankrolled by Dr Vaishak J Gowda under the Vaishak J Films banner. "Director Rao and his team have been taking care of the movie's shooting. This movie is aimed at surprising youth and making the older generation nostalgic. I do not want to reveal more details about the sets constructed at Kanteerava Studios. But for sure, this movie will be one of the big-budget movies in Kannada," Gowda said.

Song unveiled

Sundari Sundari, a melodious song of the multi-lingual film Peter, was unveiled on Wednesday in the city. Peter, billed as a blend of folklore and suspense, is directed by Sukesh Shetty known for Dooradarshana. Peter is being made in Kannada, Malayalam, Telugu, and Tamil. The song Sundari Sundari was sung by Kapil Kapilan and Sunidhi Ganesh while lyricist Nagarajuna Sharma has written it.

According to music director Ritviik Muralidhar, the team worked with dedication during the shooting. "The songs will give an original feel in all languages. We used live instruments for the movie and the credit goes to the entire team. Three more songs will be released shortly," the music director said.

On the occasion, director Shetty said that 50% of the shooting was held in rain. "I thank the cast and crew for their dedication. I hope the movie meets the audiences' expectations. Music is a plus point for this movie and I appreciate Ritviik Muralidhar and the producer for their support. The movie's audio rights were bought by Think Music," the director said. Rajesh Dhruva, who plays the lead, said Peter is a special journey for him. "I am sure the soundtrack will become a huge success," he said. The movie also features Janvi Rayala, Raveeksha Shetty, Prathima Naik, Raghu Pandeshwar, and Rama Nadagowda.

Wait for it

Janhvi focused on films right now, marriage can wait

Janhvi Kapoor is gearing up for the release of her much-awaited film, 'Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari', starring Varun Dhawan, Rohit Saraf and Sanya Malhotra. Apart from this, her recent hit, 'Param Sundari', is still running successfully in theatres, she seems to be very busy on the work front. But while her professional life is soaring, all eyes are also on her personal life.

Rumours about her relationship with Shikhar Pahariya have been creating buzz for quite a few years now, and fans are eager to know if marriage is on the cards.

At the trailer launch of 'Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari', which is centred around a wedding, Janhvi was asked about her own marriage plans. She replied, "Abhi meri planning sirf filmo ko lekar hai. Shaadi ki planning ke liye bahut time hai." (My planning is only about films at the moment. There is a lot of time for wedding planning.) Her words make it clear that her career is the current priority, and she is not rushing into marriage.

Earlier, in an interview with Vogue, the 'Bawaal' actress shared her thoughts about her future wedding and honeymoon. On being asked how she sees herself as a bride, she said, "I know I want to get married in Tirupati. I definitely don't want too many people there. I want it to be quick; I want the honeymoon to be very long. I definitely know that whatever I wear will be Manish [Malhotra], because he's my favourite person and he's family."

— ETimes

Presenting, the youngest male actor to win Emmy

The Emmy Awards made history this year as 15-year-old Owen Cooper became the youngest male actor ever to win an Acting Award. The teenager, who stars in the Netflix drama 'Adolescence', won the Emmy for Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Limited or Anthology Series or TV Movie. The audience gave Cooper a huge round of applause as he took the stage to thank the cast, crew and his parents.

"Honestly, when I started these drama classes a couple of years ago, I didn't expect to be in the United States, never mind here, but I think tonight proves that if you listen, focus, and step out of your comfort zone, you can achieve anything in life. I was nothing three years ago, and I'm here now. Who cares if you get embarrassed? Anything is possible," Cooper said.

With his win, Cooper broke Michael A Goorjian's record, who was 23 when he became the youngest winner in the category in 1994. According to Deadline, the actor has also surpassed Scott Jacoby's record as the youngest male actor to ever win an Emmy in any acting category. Jacoby was 16 when he won in 1973 for 'The Certain Summer'.

Cooper' prevailed over Oscar-winner Javier Bardem (Monsters: The Lyle and Erik Menendez Story), Bill Camp, and Peter Sarsgaard (Presumed Innocent), as well as Rob Delaney (Dying for Sex), along with his own Adolescence co-star, Ashley Walters. —ANI

Time for a talk

Twinkle Khanna and Kajol have joined hands to host a talk show titled 'Two Much.' The trailer dropped on September 15 and featured Salman Khan, Aamir Khan, Alia Bhatt, Vicky Kaushal among others as guests. But contrary to earlier buzz, Kajol's good friend and superstar, Shah Rukh Khan, was conspicuously missing from the trailer. This led to fans wondering if SRK would be the guest or not. The same was asked at the trailer launch event of the show.

At the trailer launch event of 'Two Much', Twinkle Khanna was asked if Shah Rukh Khan will be making his appearance on the show. The actress-turned-author quickly replied, "He didn't answer anything." The 'International Khiladi' actress further shared that after some time, Shah Rukh Khan wanted to go to the washroom, and hence his team took him away. She expressed being disappointed due to the same. Twinkle added, "Then we realised that we could not get his dates, so Mrinalini had got a cardboard cutout of Shah Rukh."

She concluded her answer by urging everyone to watch the show once it arrives online. The actress said, "We have enough bloopers so you can watch that." — ETimes